

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims to read as indicated below.

1. (previously presented) An automated external defibrillator having a plurality of operational states comprising:
 - a user-operated information request input;
 - a state parameter indicative of an operational state of the defibrillator;
 - an output; and
 - a controller which provides context-sensitive rescue information to the output in response to the information request input and the operational state parameter of the defibrillator.
2. (previously presented) The automated external defibrillator of claim 1 further comprising a second state parameter indicating the defibrillator electrode status, wherein said controller further provides said context-sensitive rescue information based on said second state parameter.
3. (original) The automated external defibrillator of claim 2, wherein said defibrillator electrode status comprises a rescue electrode status, training electrode status or electrode not installed status.
4. (original) The automated external defibrillator of claim 3 wherein said rescue electrode status further comprises an adult electrode status or pediatric electrode status.
5. (previously presented) The automated external defibrillator of claim 1 wherein said state parameter comprises an impedance between electrodes which is indicative of said operational state of the defibrillator.
6. (original) The automated external defibrillator of claim 1 wherein said context-sensitive rescue information comprises a CPR instruction.
7. (original) The automated external defibrillator of claim 1 wherein said output is a speaker.
8. (original) The automated external defibrillator of claim 1 wherein the information request input is a button.
9. (previously presented) The automated external defibrillator of claim 8, wherein said button is selectively activated in response to said state parameter, and wherein

said activation is indicated by the automated external defibrillator.

10. (original) The automated external defibrillator of claim 1, wherein said rescue information further comprises defibrillator condition, defibrillation procedure guidance, user reassurance comments, enhanced CPR guidance, and defibrillator administrative guidance.

11. (currently amended) A method for operating the automated external defibrillator of claim 1 to provide ~~providing~~ context-sensitive rescue information to the user of ~~an~~the automated external defibrillator, the method comprising the steps of:

requesting help through ~~an~~the user-operated information request input;

determining an operational state of the defibrillator; and

conveying through ~~an~~the output context-sensitive rescue information based on said requesting step and determining step.

12. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of detecting a defibrillator electrode status, and wherein said rescue information is further based on said detecting step.

13. (previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein said defibrillator electrode status comprises a rescue electrode status, training electrode status or electrode not installed status.

14. (previously presented) The method of claim 13 wherein said rescue electrode status further comprises an adult electrode status or pediatric electrode status.

15. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of measuring an impedance between electrodes, and wherein said output rescue information is further based on said measuring step.

16. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein said rescue information comprises a CPR instruction.

17. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein said output is a speaker.

18. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein said information request input is a button.

19. (previously presented) The method of claim 18, further comprising the steps of:

selectively activating said button based on said operational state; and
illuminating said button in response to said selectively activating step.

20. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein said rescue information comprises defibrillator condition, defibrillation procedure guidance, user reassurance comments, enhanced CPR guidance, and defibrillator administrative guidance.